Grittmen Meet Athletics Today With Experimental Line-Up in Five-Game Series

GRIFF EXPERIMENTS WITH NATIONALS IN **SERIES WITH MACKS**

Shanks at Short, Menoskey in Center, and Rice and Smith in Other Gardens.

Ainsmith to Catch In Tomorrow's Game

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 27. -Eddie Ainsmith, the Griffmen's young catcher, has reported for work and will be used behind the bat tomorrow, according to Manager Griffith. Ainsmith's broken finger which kept him from making the last trip West has recovered fully.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 27.—Manager Griffith today starts his experimental line-up with which he will complete the season of 1916. Hank Shanks is down to play shortstop, with Mike Menoskey decorating center field. Menoskey will bat in Milan's place, and Shanks will probably replace McBride in the batting order.

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"Now that we have nothing at stake," says Manager Griffith, "I shall take a good look at these players in their new positions. I think Shanks has the making of a good shortstop, and so I shall take a peek at him in a regular game. If he can deliver to suit me, he may be the regular in 1917.

"Menoskey is fast and looks good, but I want to see him day in and day out before making up my mind about him. So I shall let him play center field against all kinds of pitching until we close our season in New York. I hope he makes good."

Sam Rice is expected to remain in the outfield, with Elmer Smith holding down left field. Rice is a green outfielder, and the various duties of a left fielder seem too much for him.

Harry Harper has yet to be heard from. He was to have visited Bonesetter Reese, and have his wounded arm examined. If Reese told him to take a few days rest, he was to have reported here to let Manager Griffith take a look at him once before the season ends. But Harper has not informed his boss of the Reese decision, and the Old Fox is wondering if Harper's case is more serious than he thought.

Marvin Goodwin, the young pitcher left at home when the Griffmen started on their final swing through the West, showed up last night and may be given a chance to start a big league game here. He has been working out in Washington, and says he is most anxious to show his class.

Five games are to be played on this ast visit of the Griffmen to Philly, and t is believed that a double-header will be billed Friday. There is no interest in the Mackmen here, owing to the reater prominence of the Phillies in the asseball world. The gates will hardly a jammed by eager fans seeking ad-aliasion to watch Connie's collection at lay.

Four of Griffith's veterans failed to accompany the team East from Detroit. Johnson, Milan, Williams, and McBride, as predicted in these columns, remained behind, going to their several homes Monday night. Doubt as to the ability of Ainsmith to report here induced Griffith to bring Gharrity along as an extra backstop. Gallia also tried to be dismissed in Detroit, but lost out. He is complaining of a sore whip, but the Old Fox says he is good enough to pitch a ball game, if needed.

Charlie Jamieson, who used to be a pitcher before being turned into an outfielder, will be given a chance to start a game here against the Athletics, Manager Griffith believes that the litle fellow might be made into a capable southpaw hurier, and wants to see how he looks in action.

The Griffmen arrived here yesterday several hours late, but in time to see the Phillies defeat the Cincinnati Reds in the ninth inning. The Phillies have an excellent chance to win the National League banner again this season, but they failed to impress the big bunch of Griffmen very favorably. There were some of the Washington players who wondered at many things they saw of the pastime. Particularly did they wonder at the absence of kicking against the officials and the wide latitude given the pitcher to make half balks that held runners on the bases. In these two respects the two major leagues are vastly different, and the Griffmen were quick to notice it.

League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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Where They Play. TODAY.

> Yesterday's Results. No games scheduled.

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| Boston | . 84 | 58 | .592 | ,595 | .587 |
| New York | . 81 | 62 | .068 | .509 | .663 |
| Chicago | . 65 | 85 | .433 | .487 | .430 |
| Pittsburgh | 63 | 546 | . 430 | .484 | 428 |
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Where They Play. TOMORROW. Boston at N. Y. Phila. at Brooklyn. TODAY. Louis at N. Y.

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Yesterday's Results.

Today's Result.

WILL HE WEATHER IT THROUGH?



Fullerton Compares Right Field Players

Statistician Notes Decline in Individual Ability and Efficiency of Gardeners-Averages Show Hitters Are Below .250 Mark and Are Not Developing.

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

DOPE ON RIGHT FIELDERS

| Club. | Offense value. | Defense value. | | Offense value. | Defense value. | Total | Offense value. | nst Bost Defense value. | Total |
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| Red Sox | . 491 | 205 | 696 | 478 | 208 | 686 | 455 | 201 | 656 |
| Detroit | 482 | 188 | 670 | 466 | 190 | 656 | 475 | 190 | 665 |
| Chicago | . 397 | 176 | 573 | 392 | 176 | 568 | 388 | 176 | 564 |
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| Brooklyn. | | 182 | 610 | 441 | 188 | 629 | 455 | 180 | 635 |
| Philadel | | 176 | 616 | 458 | 176 | 634 | 468 | 173 | 641 |
| Boston | | 184 | 600 | 427 | 192 | 619 | 432 | 188 | 620 |

efficiency of outfielders that finds no explanation. It appears that the older and better ones are gradually sliding backward, and that the new men are not upto the established standards. The game appears to be going forward in other lines, but the outfielders are not developing rapidly. A glance down the batting averages will show what I mean more clearly than anything else. Take five men out of the two major leagues and the remainder of the outfielders will be scarcely up to big league possibili-

A decade or two ago we supposed that an outfielder ought to be close to a .300 hitter to earn his pay, and now we find a dozen of them down below the .250

mark.

Among the right fielders, as we compare them, we find some odd things. We discover, to our sorrow, that the best ones are giving way to time. Sam Crawford, that portly, middle-aged gentleman who has honored the game by his presence and driven many young pitchers to drink and the bushes again, no longer is the terror he was to American League bexmen. One would imagine that we would have to figure Sam as having slipped back, and so calculate upon his work in the World's Series. Don't do it, friends! Don't do it! The truth is that Sammy is not as effectiva as he once was against American League pitchers. This is partly because he is slipping back a little, and more largely because the American League twirlers are losing some of their swe of him. Do not imagine, however, that the National League pitchers will have anything on Samivel. Besides that, Sam has rounded into shape very slowly, and he is just getting good, and, if he is lucky enough to smash into the world's series, he ought to be in mid-season form about October 6.

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The best of them all is Harry Hooper. This fellow never has been a highly press-agented player. He is quiet, efficient, and a great ball player, who does his work with auch a lack of showiness that it is only noticeable in the final figures. He is not a great hitter, but he is there in the pinch. He is one of the quiet, thinking, determined fellows who do the right things in the right spots. Last fall he cut loose and did a little of the sensational, and became co-hero with Duff Lewis. These two split the star stuff. He is going just as steadily this year as ever before. He hits good pitching well and poor pitching hard.

Chicago would present an assortment of right fielders, none of them very efficient. Rowland probably would use one against one team, one against another, and switch as the left and right-handed pitchers change. Shano Collins is a slashing, swinging hitter, who hits poor pitching with terrific effect and good pitching not at all. The switch would be to Fournier, and it is a problem in my mind as to whether the big Frenchman would not be a better man in such a series. Fournier is a whale of a hitter and a fair ball player if let alone. Opposing teams have discovered that they can throw him into the air

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It seems to me, in studying the figures and make him forget whether he is of the three leading clubs of each playing ball or pinochle. They have have league player for player, that there is by tantalizing him. In a world's series by tantalizing him. In a world's series no such tactics are usually tolerated, and it might be that he would be a world beater. Collins would not be likely to do much in such a series, especially against Philadelphia.

recially against Philadelphia.

The National League right fielders do not appear to be of any sensational class. Stengel, despite his tendency toward erratic uncertainty, is the best of the lot and the most effective. Cravath has this season ceased to be the hero that he was last year. Gavvy never was a great ball player, but he is a long driving hitter and a dangerous one, especially on his own band-box grounds, where the fences are short and the walls high. The Red Socks' pitchers were tipped last year as to how to work on him, and they uncovered batting weaknesses that the National League pitchers either did not know or lacked the stuff to attack. They stopped him. He would not be much more effective against the Red Sox than he was last year, but he certainly looks good as revealed against either the White Sox or Detroit pitchers. Wilhoit, should the Braves get into the big money, would connoily. Stallings' outfield material does not appear dangerous at any part of the game. Wilhoit cannot bit enough to do much damage, even allowing for the natural deficit in batting under the Stallings' system of playing the game.

Beyond Hooper, who is classy.

Beyond Hooper, who is classy, steady, and at times brilliant, and Crawford, who has gone back, there is little class to the right fielders, and nothing sensational may be expected from them to turn the tide of a series. The difference in paper strength between them is not sufficient to affect the final outcome materially.

Tomorrow we will take up the first basemen, and, by that time, we hope that one or more of the six teams will be eliminated, so that we can make a closer study of players. (Copyright, 1916, by John N. Wheeler, inc.)

How Big League Clubs Won Diamond Battles

National League.

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| Batteries-McConnell and Wilson; Pfe | ffe |
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| and Killifer. | |
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| Gowdy. | **** |
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| Roston | 7 |
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| and Gowdy. | |
| | Pittsburgh |

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LITTLE OF EVERYTHING." By "BUGS" BAER.



"Pitcher has discovered Tris Speaker's weak spot. He's tick-

Much sympathy for Hughey Jennings. Sympathy is a great thing. That and a five-dollar bill will get Hughey into the world

Speed is the stuff. Ty Cobb could make a home run out of one of Gavvy Cravath's singles and have a little material left over.

The best man didn't win the Weinert-Moha fight because he wasn't in it. Boston's first victory over Detroit may have

One swing and Jack Dillion cuts six-foot opponent right down to

We soon will lamp the football champs, The writers like that game, They oil up their old rubber stamps, Their dope is all the same.

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After a careful survey of the Tigers' chances for the pennant, we are convinced that we had some beautiful weather in Sep-

Little Known Baseball Facts. Little Known Baseball Facts.

Baseball was vastly improved in 1889 by the elimination of clinching.

There is no record of any umpire ever being elected mayor of Boston.

Base running in the Suburban League of Venice has been greatly accelerated by the installation of motors in the gondolas.

Although really a four club circuit, the Delaware State League has only three clubs at high tide.

Scientists have discovered that the brand of baseball played in the Virginia League is a sure cure for insomnia.

The Eskimo name for umpire is skyxzkuxx.

Tris Speaker, leading batter of the American League, was expelled from school at the age of three for swatting a cat for a home run.

In the Yok Soosy League, of Pekin, the batter holds the baseball in his hands while the pitcher throws a bat at it. The runners run to third, second, first and then home. A strike-out is a home run, and any ball clearing the fence is a strike-out. Everything is down backward, and the umpire is

held in great respect. An attempt to incorporate Berlin, London, Vienna and Paris in a four-club league failed this season.

Answers to Queeries.

Zoop—Neal Ball made a triple play.
Ump Klem once put out three men unassisted, but it wasn't a triple play.
Wobble—Baseball is not played at Matteawan. That's the place where they try to cure it.
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MUST WIN TODAY TO RETAIN HONOR

Dodgers' Lead May Be Cut Down by Phillies in National

ng champions open their big series tomorrow. The turn in the scramble may come through these games.

may come through these games.

Today found the Dodgers still on top in the nerve-racking dash through the last days of the campaign. But they hold their advantage by a single game.

The Phillies will open their farewell encounter in Brooklyn better fortified than the Dodgers, for they will spend today in idleness, this being an open date in their schedule. Pat Moran may be expected to heave Grover Cleveland Alexander into the opening fray, and it is reasonably certain that Rube Marquard will oppose him.

While the National League is standing on its toes and holding its breath, waiting for the clash between the two leading teams, the American League will be starting on its last leg of the 1918 campaign.

Standing three games ahead of Chicago, the second place club, the Red Sox will go into battle this after-noon aganist the Yankees. The Donnoon aganist the Yankees. The Donovan collection of cripples always has proven the greatest living linx to the Red Sox, and Bill Carrigan may awake one of these fine September mornings and find his claims to first place again challenged.

However, the Yanks can't do a great deal of damage. Boston has to win only four games to cinch the pennant. If Chicago wins its four remaining games and the Red Sox only succeed in winning the same number the clubs would be tied at the end of the season.

In Brooklyn today Big Jim Vaughn, who downed the Dodgers in one game of the double-header between Cubs and Dodgers Saturday, doubtless will Braves—Tyler and Blackburn, Gowdy.

Big League Biffers of a

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| McCarty, Giants | 4 | 3 | 8 | .750 |
| Hinchm'n, Pirates | 8 | 2 | 6 | .667 |
| Luderus, Phils | 8 | 2 | 2 | .667 |
| Killifer, Phils | 3 | 2 | 2 | .667 |
| Meyers, Dodgers | 3 | 2 | 2 | .667 |
| Burns, Giants | | 3 | 4 | .600 |
| Flack Cubs | 5 | 2 | | 600 |

If Tinker can win this afternoon duel over the Dodgers he will be ready to sleep peacefully tonight, for he will have snaked the Dodgers half a game from their lead over the Phils. The task of writing the last chapter will be up to Pat Moran. He will sail into Brooklyn with his pounding team in the best of condition to pull the championship out of the fire. Alexander, Eppa Rixey, Erskine Mayer, and Al Demarce are going at top speed. If the Phils can take the mafority of the games they will return home in pretty fair shape, for they will leave the Dodgers to the tender mercies of the Giants, and the Mc-Grawites apparently have forgotten how to lose a game.

While the Dodgers and Phillies are having it out in Brooklyn, another important series will be in progress at the Polo Grounds. The Giants and Braves will meet in a death struggle for third place.

Junior Amateur Champs To Disband at Banquet

The S. S. C. C. baseball team, junior.) amateur champions of Maryland and Washington. D. C., will disband for the season at a banquet to be held at Epiphany Church on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. This team won its way to junior amatur title of Washington by defeating the Shamrocks in the post-season contest and later won the inter-city title by taking two games in a row from the Auroras, of Baltimore.

League Title Race.

Meyers, Dodgers 3 2 2 .667

Burns, Giants... 5 3 4 .600

Flack, Cubs... 5 3 3 .600

By H. C. HAMILTON.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—Upon tectory of the mound again for Tinker's crew. Opposed to him, if one is to believe in signs, will be Larry Chenchelle of the watch fobs donated by P. Goldsnith Company, of Cincinnail, chicago Cubs depends the distance by which the Dodgers will have the bulge on the Phillies when the driving champions open their big series.

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Percy Foster Hali, assistant minister of the church, while President Harry E. Late will give a short talk in the interest of Washington Amateur League. President Late will also present the watch fobs donated by P. Goldsnith Company, of Cincinnail, Ohlo, the pennant bunting, and the silver loving cup donated by Howard Werl League. President Late will also present the watch fobs donated by P. Goldsnith Company, of Cincinnail, Ohlo, the pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church will be made by the Rev. Percy Foster Hali, assistant minister of the church, while President Late will also present the watch fobs donated by P. Goldsnith Company, of Cincinnail, Ohlo, the pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church will be made by the Rev. Percy Foster Hali, assistant minister of the church, while President Late will also present the watch fobs donated by P. Goldsnith Company, of Cincinnail, Ohlo, the pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church, while President Late will be pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church will be made by the Rev. Percy Foster Hali, assistant minister of the church, while President Late will be pennant burting, and the silver league of the church will be pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church will be pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church will be pennant bunting, and the silver league of the church w

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